

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated June 23, 2009 and have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-12, and 26-34 are pending. Claims 6 and 13-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 34 is amended.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Erezo for indicating the allowability of the claims of the instant application.

In accordance with the Examiner's instructions in item 3 of the instant Office action, the second paragraph starting on page 25 of the specification has been amended to provide a written description for the claim limitations shown in the figures.

Applicants have amended claim 34 solely to correct a typographical error. Applicants have also cancelled non-elected claims 13-25 from the instant application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In this Response, Applicants have amended claim 34 solely to correct a typographical error. Applicants believe this amendment serves a useful clarification purpose, and is desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendment does not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable

equivalents of any territory surrendered by amendment are limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and their attorneys.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection stated in the Examiner's Office Action have been overcome, and that all claims in the application are allowable. No new matter has been added. As the Examiner has already determined that the application is now in a condition for allowance, an early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due with this Amendment. However, if any fees are due with respect to Sections 1.16 or 1.17, please charge to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Acct. No. 503,836.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned if that would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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